



MEETING SUMMARY

Date: December 1, 2003

Topics:

- Draft Fernald Institutional Controls Plan
- Post-Closure Coalition-Building Materials

Attendees:

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board
Lisa Crawford
Steve DePoe

FRESH
Edwa Yocum

The Perspectives Group
David Bidwell
Doug Sarno

U.S. Department of Energy
Johnny Reising
Gary Stegner

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Donna Bohannon
Kelly Kaletsky

Fluor Fernald
Sue Walpole
Eric Woods
Ric Strobl

Other
Jim Innis

General Updates

David Bidwell welcomed the committee members and reviewed the agenda. Lisa Crawford reported that Pam Dunn, Stewardship Committee Chair, was unable to attend the meeting due to an unexpected travel delay.

Gary Stegner announced that more representatives from the Hamilton County Parks had visited the site, and a cost estimate for land management at the site is anticipated by the end of the year. The Committee stressed that it would be important to learn what activities the Parks department considers "land management."

Gary also announced that Bob Warther would like to settle the NRD lawsuit in the coming months. Gary stated that Bob has been discussing this issue with Graham Mitchell of the Ohio EPA.

David reported that the new Office of Legacy Management has produced a draft strategic plan. He promised to provide members of the committee with a copy of the document. Doug stated that on the last SSAB Chairs call, Sandra Waisley read an email from Dave Geiser regarding public participation in Legacy Management activities. Doug explained that the message indicated that Legacy Management is committed to public participation but would not provide funding for the current SSABs. David will try to get a copy of the email to distribute to the Committee members.

Discussion of the Draft Institutional Controls Plan

Eric Woods reviewed the draft Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan, Volume 2. Eric explained that the U.S. EPA requested this draft by the end of calendar year 2003. EPA will provide comments on the draft, which will be revised and released again in early 2004, along with updated support documents. Eric stated that the document would be revised at least one additional time.

Eric explained that the plan is considered volume 2 of a larger document, which will pull together all of the stewardship commitments for Fernald. Volume 1 will focus on DOE policy issues and will be based on the existing Comprehensive Stewardship Plan. Existing documents that are related to the maintenance and monitoring of controls at Fernald will be included as appendices to the plan. When complete, the commitments in this document will be legally enforceable.

Eric explained that the Institutional Controls plan does not provide details on how the controls will be managed, but rather lays the commitments to be met by DOE. For example, the plan discusses the frequency and types of inspections that will be conducted, but it does not provide information on who will conduct the inspections or how they will be done. Eric briefly discussed the content of each of the plan's three sections.

The group discussed the final section of the plan, "Information Management for FCP Institutional Controls." David noted that the level of knowledge within the community would affect the effectiveness of signs posted at the site. The committee discussed the importance of maintaining the community's awareness of the site. Steve DePoe noted that Section 4.2.1 of the plan uses the terms "information" and "documents" interchangeably. Steve stated that the site's post-closure information needs are more complicated than making documents available. Doug stated that the site could create public-friendly information resources, rather than rely on technical decision documents. The creation and maintenance of public-friendly guides and education materials could be included in the Institutional Controls Plan, because community awareness of the site will be necessary to maintain the remedy. David noted that the FCAB has recommended that ongoing community awareness be considered an institutional control. Johnny Reising stated that a regulatory driver would have to be identified in order for DOE to include community education in the Institutional Controls Plan.

Eric asked for comments on the plan by mid-January. Doug stated that the Committee could provide Eric with draft comments prior to its January 12th meeting, but would not be able to provide final comments until they are approved at the January 13th FCAB meeting. Stewardship Committee members should provide comments to David by December 31st. Steve will draft comments on Section 4.0, which addresses information management.

In response to a question by one of the committee members, Eric explained that the site has not yet discussed stewardship responsibilities with local governments. Doug suggested that the site could invite members of the public to observe upcoming monitoring of completed cells at the on-site disposal facility (OSDF).

Coalition Building

The group briefly reviewed a draft brochure, designed to elicit interest in post-closure involvement at Fernald. David explained that the brochure captures the points discussed by the committee at its October meeting. When finalized, this brochure could be sent to individuals and organizations that might be interested in joining a coalition focused on post-closure education activities at Fernald. The committee confirmed that it believes a collaborative effort would be more successful than an effort led by one institution. Doug asked group members to provide comments on the brochure by December 31st; a revised version will be presented at the January 12th meeting.

The committee determined that a small group of stakeholders should visit with a member of Representative Chabot's staff prior to the next meeting. This meeting would be to explain the goals of the Stewardship Committee in its efforts to identify potential coalition members. Sue Walpole will coordinate plans for this meeting.

Long-term Structure for FCAB

David noted that DOE headquarters has asked the SSABs to choose one of two long-term support structures, which must be implemented for FY05. Boards must be supported in full by DOE or incorporate as a nonprofit organization. Gary stated that the FCAB has already conformed to this policy. David suggested that as the site approaches closure and its DOE funding is decreased, the FCAB might consider incorporating as an independent nonprofit organization, which would allow it to seek funding from other sources (e.g., Ohio EPA). Lisa Crawford stated that this issue should be discussed by the full Board, if there is interest in pursuing this option.

Next Meeting

The next Stewardship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2004 in T-214 at the site, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Action Items Identified

The following are action items identified during this meeting and the individual(s) responsible for completing these actions.

Action Item	Responsible Person(s)
Provide committee members with a copy of the draft Office of Legacy Management Strategic Plan	David Bidwell
Acquire a copy of the email from Dave Geiser to Sandra Waisley, regarding public participation and Legacy Management	David Bidwell
Send comments on the draft Institutional Controls plan to David Bidwell	Stewardship Committee Members
Draft comments on Section 4.0 of the draft Institutional Controls plan	Steve DePoe
Draft letter of comments on draft Institutional Controls Plan	David Bidwell
Send comments on draft brochure on post-closure involvement in Fernald to David Bidwell	Stewardship Committee Members
Revise brochure on post-closure involvement in Fernald	Doug Sarno
Organize meeting with staff from Representative Chabot's office to discuss coalition building	Sue Walpole